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SUBJECT: BRIEFING CHONA ON OWEN VISIT

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IN DISCUSSING OWEN MISSION WITH CHONA, YOU MAY REPEAT
EARLIER EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR OWEN'S MISSION AND SAY
THAT THE IDEAS OWEN WILL BE EXPLORING WITH THE ZAMBIANS
AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH US IN GENERAL TERMS
AND HAVE OUR SUPPORT. SINCE ZAMBIANS PRESUMABLY HAVE HAD
BRIEFING FROM NYERERE ALREADY, YOU MAY ADD THAT, AS
REPORTED IN PRESS, A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IS ONE OF
THESE IDEAS AND WE HAVE TOLD THE BRITISH WE WOULD BE
WILLING TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUCH A CONFERENCE.
YOU SHOULD DECLINE TO GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL, HOWEVER,
NOTING THAT OWEN'S TRIP IS A BRITISH INITIATIVE WHICH IT
WOULD NOT BE PROPER FOR YOU TO ANTICIPATE, BUT THAT YOU
WILL FOLLOW UP AFTER OWEN HAS TALKED TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA.
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